

Signed published and declared  
by the said James Gifford Jr.  
to be his last will and testament  
in the presence of us who were  
present at the same time and  
subscribed our names as witnesses  
in the presence of the testator  
Thomas Bevis  
Hannah B. Bevis

James Gifford (Seal)

Atlantic County ss. Thomas Bevis one of the witnesses to the within  
will being duly affirmed on his affirmation saith that he saw  
James Gifford Jr. the testator therein named sign and seal the same  
and heard him publish pronounce and declare the within writing  
to be his last will and testament and at the doing thereof the  
said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory as  
far as this deponent knows and as he verily believes and that  
Hannah B. Bevis the other subscribing witness was present at the  
same time and signed her name as witness to the said Will together

affirmed & subscribed at  
Mays Landing March 26th.  
A.D. 1859 before me  
S. B. Devinney Surgt.

Thomas Bevis

Atlantic County ss. David B. Somers sole Executor within named  
being duly sworn on his oath saith that the within Instrument  
contains the true last will and testament of James Gifford Jr.  
the testator therein named so far as he knows & as he verily believes  
that he will well & truly perform the same by paying first the debts  
of the said deceased & then the legacies in the said testament specified  
so far as the goods chattels & credits of the said deceased can thereunto  
extend that he will make & exhibit into the prerogative office at  
Trenton a true & perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods  
chattels & credits of said deceased that have or shall come to his  
knowledge or possession or to the possession of any other person  
or persons for his use & render a just & true account when there-  
unto lawfully required.

Sworn & Subscribed at Mays  
Landing March 26th. 1859  
before me S. B. Devinney Surgt.

David B. Somers

I Solomon B. Devinney Surrogate of the County of Atlantic do certify  
the foregoing record to be a true copy of the last will and testa-  
ment of James Gifford Jr. late of the County of Atlantic deceased  
and of the probate thereof and that David B. Somers the Executor therein  
named proved the same before me and is duly authorized to administer

the same agreeably to said will Witness my hand and seal of  
office this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord Eight-  
teen hundred and fifty nine

S. B. Devinney Surgt.

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Will of James Gifford

Fifth of September one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine  
Know all men that I James M. Gifford of the Township of Egg Harbour  
County of Atlantic and state of New Jersey Being weak in body but of  
sound mind and memory do make and publish this for my last will  
and testament, at the same time revoking all others heretofore made  
by me, first I recommend my body to the grave and my soul to my  
Maker who gave it,

I then gave to my beloved wife Christianna Gifford all of my prop-  
erty both Real and personally to have and possess as she sees prop-  
er during her life time, and at her deceas. for my plantation where-  
on I now reside and a tract or piece of woodland that I bought of  
Sarah James & Elijah Barret adjoining lands of David Somers and Abel  
Ingersoll to go to my son Elmer E. Gifford and another piece of tract  
of land known by the name of the Ramsey piece more or less to go to  
my son Daniel Gifford and my personally property that I gave to  
my wife at her deceas what ever is left to go to my two daughters viz.  
Hannah Scull late Gifford and Elizabeth English late Gifford and to  
my grand daughter viz. Anna Maria Smitta to be equally divided betw-  
en the three, and I leave my son Elmer E. Gifford my whole and sole  
Executor to this my last will and testament  
given under my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed and Delivered  
in presence of us  
David Scull  
Jacob <sup>his</sup> Albertson  
mark  
Sarah <sup>her</sup> Albertson  
mark

James M. Gifford (Seal)

Atlantic County ss. Jacob Albertson one of the witnesses to the within  
will being duly sworn on his oath saith that he saw James M. Gifford  
the testator therein named sign and seal the same and heard him  
publish pronounce and declare the within writing to be his last will  
and testament and at the doing thereof the said testator was of sound  
and disposing mind and memory as far as this deponent knows and  
as he verily believes and that David Scull and Sarah Albertson the  
other subscribing witnesses were present at the same time and signed  
their names as witnesses to the said will together with deponent in the  
presence of the testator

Sworn & Subscribed at  
Mays Landing October  
5th. A.D. 1859 before me  
S. B. Devinney Surgt.

Jacob <sup>his</sup> Albertson  
mark